

MONTANA TRAPPING ADVISORY COMMITTEE

April 2, 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM; April 3 – 8:00 AM to Mid-Afternoon (Meeting 5)
Helena, Montana - U.S. Forest Service office, 2880 Skyway Drive

SESSION OBJECTIVES

1. For the public in attendance, affirm the Committee's Charter and roles in the collaborative process including the public comment time each day.
2. Complete the "Important Questions".
3. Come to agreement and draft recommendations including any related to the 2018 Trapping regulations and the 1999 Trapping Committee report.
4. Determine future steps.

AGENDA ITEMS

Tuesday, April 2: 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM

Morning

Get started....

- Welcome from John Vore (FWP Game Management Bureau Chief)
- For the public in attendance, complete Objective 1 above including the Committee's Discussion Ground Rules; introduce Committee members and the public in attendance
- Warming up... where we are with the Trapping Education bill and other updates
- Approve/edit the 4th meeting summary/February "Work in Progress" document
- Note any new material received by the Committee

Complete remaining "Important Questions"

- Parts and pieces...
 - What do we need to discuss about any type of mandatory trap checks, etc.?
 - What does a "trap-free" zone look like and how/when might it be useful? – Small group report on trap free and pet free zones (Kate, Tom, Shani); small group report on signage, leashes, and trail setbacks. (Dave, Stephen, Pat)
 - What approach can/should be used for how death takes place for animals (still alive) caught in a trap – or for release from a trap? – Small group report related to death, dispatch, and injury assessment. (Shani, Dave, Stephen); small group report related to wolf snaring, setbacks, etc. (Zach, Lance, Matt)
 - Are there opportunities for expanding trapping? – Small group report related to any opportunities for expanding trapping (Pat, Tom)
 - Final discussion related to Questions H – What role should enforcement play? What can be done to help enforcement? What information do we need to inform recommendations related to enforcement and trapping?

Noon to 12:45 PM

- Public comment period with Committee semi-working lunch

Afternoon: 1:00 to 5:00 PM

Continue work on final "Important Questions"

- Complete work on K parts and pieces
- H - What role should enforcement play? What can be done to help enforcement? What information do we need to inform recommendations related to enforcement and trapping?

Summarizing today's meeting; prepping for tomorrow

Wednesday, April 3: 8:00 to Noon

Refocus... complete recommendations

- One last review of "Important Questions"
- Affirm agreed upon recommendations:
 - Recommendations from the "Important Questions"
 - Recommendations related to the 2018 Trapping regulations and the 1999 Trapping Committee report
- Revisit how to forward consensus recommendations and areas where Committee members are not in agreement at the end of the process..
- Agree on a format for the recommendations document
- Draft the document; determine presenters

Noon to 12:45 PM

- Public comment period with Committee semi-working lunch

Afternoon: 1:00 to 3:30ish PM

- Presentation to FWP; discussion and final questions
- Exploring any remaining role for the Committee
- Final discussion and closure

Discussion Ground Rules

- Listen actively and honorably.
- Manage your own communication (allow the other to finish; avoid side conversations at the table unless part of the process).
- Allow the facilitator to remind individuals/the group about the ground rules.
- Arrive at common definitions... and use them.
- Respect each individual's right to their opinion – even if you don't agree.
- Define problems/seek solutions rather than finding opportunities to further one's agenda.
- Encourage data/science-based discussion and solutions. Use data to explore "fair standards".
- Do your homework so you are prepared for the next meeting.
- Work to find consensus. When agreement is not reached, allow the facilitator to use an interest-based approach to try to build a collaborative solution. When agreement still cannot be reached, the group will decide how to forward their outcome on that issue to the Department/Commission. If a Committee member is absent, the group will move ahead rather than revisiting issues.
- Refer media contacts to John Vore.
- Refer questions from others to the meeting summaries on the Department website.
- Avoid using email to build agreement or cliques around a particular solution.